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You will note the enthusiasm of our members involving themselves in the Neighborhood Plan update process. There were 20 community leaders present representing the following Filipino organizations:

1. Filipino Community of Seattle, Inc, (FCS)
2. Filipino Chamber of Commerce of the Pacific Northwest
3. Association of Filipino Engineers of Washington (AFEW)
4. Filipino American Educators of Washington (FAEW)
5. TAHANAN Senior and Immigrant Services
6. Filipino Cultural Heritage Society of Washington
7. PAGDIRIWANG
8. IDIC - International Drop-In Center
9. Filipino Domestic Violence Committee
10. UGNAYAN Finance Committee
11. ICHS
12. ANCOP-GAWAD KALINGA
13. Naguillanders of the Pacific Northwest
14. Seattle Bituin Lions Club
15. KAHIRUP of Washington
16. FACES (Filipino American City Employees of Seattle)
17. CENSUS 2010
18. FAPAGOW (Filipino American Political Action Group of Washington)
19. Bataan-Corregidor Survivors Association
20. Filipino American Nurses and Health Care Professionals of Washington

The main input of the group to the update process:

1. The RIZAL (Philippine) VILLAGE project, the properties east of the current Filipino Community Center on MLKING and Juneau, needs a rezone for the erection of a gymnasium, auditorium, Senior Housing and office and store spaces.  
DPD staff indicated project is
  - within the urban village and
  - under the neighborhood plan update process - rezoning can be discussed
2. Widening of 37th Street access to the FCS Center
3. The development of the RIZAL PARK which has not been improved.
4. Types of services and goods we want to see in our district, transit stations:
  - Child care
  - Adult care
  - Pet care
  - Baby-sitting
  - Accessible medical services

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- Clinics,
- Family center
- A movie house
- A bowling alley
- Shelters at bus stops,
- Bicycle racks near stations.
- More affordable housing- family, mother-in-law apartments.

Participant question: Why are the new apartments along ML King hardly occupied? Are they too expensive? Are renter qualifications too strict the real needy people won't qualify?

Recreational facilities needed:

- More park spaces for family gatherings are needed
- Indoor facilities for basketball
- facilities for walking and exercise.

To the final question - **will you use the light rail?** MOST SAID YES!

Concerns raised:

- Connectivity to other means of transportation
- fares
- stations far apart
- park and ride accessibility for the handicap
- FINALLY - more meetings with more groups.